Setting up of agro-based industries in Andhra Pradesh

961. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the total capital investment proposals received during the last two years for setting up of industries in agro-based sector in Andhra Pradesh ;

(b) the details of the foreign investment proposals approved during the period ; and

(c) the time by which these proposals are likely to be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) As per the New Industrial Policy most of the agro-based industries are delicensed. For Andhra Pradesh, 169 Industrial Entrepreneurs Memoranda (IEM) during the period August 1991 to August, 1993 have been filed for manufacture of various agro-based industries like vegetable oils, cotton yarn/textiles and baggase-based paper etc. For the agro-based industries under compulsory licensing, 97 applications are for sugar, 35 for potable alcohol/beer and 2 for vegetable oil manufacture.

(b) Approvals for foreign collaboration/ investment generally do not indicate location of the project to be set up under the collaboration and accordingly details of approvals specific to a location are not centrally maintained.

(c) Approvals for foreign collaboration are accorded in response to the proposals made by entrepreneurs and are generally cleared within 45 days.

Dereservation of items for small scale industries

962. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE :
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :
SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM :
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD :
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to trim or dereserve items reserved for small scale industry ;

(b) if so, what are details thereof ;

(c) the manner in which small and self-employed entrepreneurs are likely to be affected thereby and what steps have been taken and are being taken to set off the adverse impact of this sector ;

(d) whether it is a fact that Government are thinking in terms of allowing Multi-National Corporations to enter into small industry sector also ; and

(e) if so, what are the areas identified ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (c) No, Sir. However, an analytical study on those reserved items, which no unit was reported to be manufacturing in the SSI sector based on the findings of the Second All India Census of Registered SSI units, has been undertaken by the Government with a view to consider their continuation in the reserved list. While taking a decision in the matter, the interests of the small entrepreneurs will be kept in view.

(d) and (e) No medium/large scale undertaking including multi-nationals is permitted to manufacture reserved items except under 75% export obligation. However, in the case of garment manufactures, investment upto Rs. 3 crores in plant and

machinery has been permitted with an export obligation of 50% of total production.

Situation in BHEL

963. SHRI ASHIS SEN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what are the reasons for a no-order situation in the public sector unit, Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd. ; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take to keep this public sector unit functioning ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) The inflow of orders for power generating equipment was inadequate due to paucity of investible funds with State Electricity Boards/Power Corporations.

(b) BHEL is taking the following steps to obtain more orders :

(1) Actively pursuing business participation with promoters of power projects in private sector including foreign companies through supply of equipment on deferred payment basis and limited scale financial packages.

(2) Joint working with reputed companies by formulating bids with consortium arrangements.

(3) Renovation and life extension of existing power stations.

(4) Greater thrust on exports by focussing on potential areas. A company wide programme to obtain ISO 9000 Quality certification is being pursued and some units have already been awarded this certificate.

Revival of sick SSI units in Uttar Pradesh

964. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that thousands of small scale industries in Uttar Pradesh are sick and need to be revived ; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to revive these sick industrial units in Uttar Pradesh ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

According to the Reserve Bank of India as at the end of March, 1992, the number of sick small scale industrial units in Uttar Pradesh was 34150, out of which only 479 units have been found as potentially viable.

(b) Both Central and State Government take measures for revival of sick units. These are as under :—

(i) Issuance of detailed guidelines by RBI to all scheduled commercial banks in regard to rehabilitation of sick units.

(ii) A separate refinance scheme for rehabilitation (RSR) is being operated by SIDBI for revival of potentially viable sick SSI units. Rehabilitation assistance to SSI projects in U.P. sanctioned by SIDBI amounted to Rs. 95.97 lakh in respect of 11 units. SIDBI has also sanctioned equity type assistance of Rs. 3.81 lakh to 5 units in U.P. for rehabilitation under its National Equity Fund Scheme.

(iii) The State Govt. is also according top priority for revival and rehabilitation of sick SSI units. Under State Margin Money Loan Scheme 50% margin required